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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Director-Management
National Foreign Assessment Center

SUBJECT : Request for Permission to Address
Class at Thomas Jefferson High
School on 23 March, Using Only
Unclassified Materials

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I have been asked by Mrs. Ann Foster, teacher at Thomas Jefferson High School, 6560 Braddock Road, Fairfax County, to address her senior class in international relations, 0750-0850 hours, Thursday 23 March. My subject would be the economy of China. I would identify myself as a CIA employee, state that my views were not necessarily those of CIA or the US government, and use only unclassified materials. Of the 45-50 students expected to attend, about five would be foreign nationals, none from Communist countries. [REDACTED] was a speaker at Mrs. Foster's class in the 1976/77 academic year. I have been identified as a CIA employee on numerous recruiting trips and at similar presentations at various educational institutions. An outline of my proposed talk is attached.

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Chief

International Trade and Services Division
Office of Economic Research

Attachment:
As stated above

SUBJECT: Request to Make a Public Appearance

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CONCUR:

STATINTL Director of Economic Research

Date

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Coordinator for Academic Relations

6 Mar 78
Date

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Director of Security

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Date

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APPROVED:

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Associate Director-Management,
National Foreign Assessment Center

8 MAR 1978

Date

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THE CHINESE ECONOMY

(Outline for a talk to Thomas Jefferson
High School class on 23 March)

1. The scope of economics
 - a. Resources: natural resources, human resources, "capital plant"
 - b. Technology and Management: production possibilities
 - c. Priorities and Choices
 - d. Scarcity
2. Natural resources of China
 - a. Land: Arid West, Dry North, Wet South
 - b. Water: Great eastward flowing rivers, canals, lakes, coastal waters
 - c. Minerals: oil, coal, iron, mercury, tin tungsten; wood products (reforestation program)
3. Human resources
 - a. Huge population: 950 million (almost one-fourth of world population)
 - b. Han Chinese (94%) vs. minority groups
 - c. 85% in countryside
 - d. First-rate material for economic development
4. Economic system: Soviet skeleton with Chinese flesh and blood
 - a. Public (state) ownership of main means of production in non-agricultural sector; collective ownership in agriculture; private ownership in petty activities
 - b. Collective decision-making through annual and five-year economic plans at various levels of government; individual decision-making on small matters
 - c. Command implementation of economic decisions; role for market in foreign trade and local private activity
5. Economic results, 1949 to date
 - a. Basic maintenance of population
 - b. Build-up of industry, agriculture, technology
 - c. Not closing gap with modern industrial nations
 - d. Not a big factor in foreign trade